Pharaoh, who is the Devil, has children, and these children include the "tares" and the clergy. (Matt. 13:38; John 8:44) Other scriptures identify more of these children. (Acts 13:8, 10; 1 John 3:8, 10, 12) The firstborn of Egypt would therefore picture all of Satan's children, that is, those of his earthly organization who are "the beginning of his strength", namely, the chief of their strength, to wit, the leaders and chief ones in the religious, commercial and political branches of his visible organization. The firstborn of every portion of Satan's organization was destroyed; which antitypically means and includes the "man of sin", "the son of perdition," the "strong-arm squad" and those who put forth their strength to carry forward Satan's schemes, and also the counterfeit of God's kingdom, namely, the League of Nations. In this day Satan makes war upon the remnant of Jehovah, the "church of the firstborn", and would destroy them unless prevented from so doing by the power of the Lord. The only protection that these faithful witnesses have is from the Lord, and this comes by reason of their obedience to Jehovah's commandment given to them by the Greater Moses, Christ Jesus.—Acts 3:23.

[37] The slaying of the lamb, and the eating thereof, preceded the slaughter of Egypt's firstborn. Even so the death of "Christ, our passover", and the partaking of his merit by the spirit-begotten ones, precede the slaughter of Satan's firstborn at Armageddon. As Israel's firstborn were passed over and preserved on that fateful night, even so the faithful remnant, who are of Jehovah's firstborn, will be passed over and preserved at the battle of the great day of God Almighty. They will survive Armageddon by virtue of Jehovah's protection. The "great multitude" will not survive Armageddon, because they are not of the "church of the firstborn" and are not shown in this type or picture. The Scriptures show that God's promise is to preserve a remnant, and not a vast multitude. (Joel 2:32; Isa. 10:21-23) The "great multitude" are 'appointed to die'. The Scriptures also show that the Jonadab class will survive Armageddon, but not for the same reason that the Lord will preserve the remnant of the firstborn.

OTHER TYPES FULFILLED

[38] The typical or paschal lamb was taken into the house on the tenth day of Nisan, and this antitypically means in the present day of Jehovah since 1918 the receiving of the 'Lamb as it were slain' as Jehovah's King enthroned in office, hence the receiving of the kingdom and undertaking the full responsibility of the interest of the kingdom. On the tenth day of Nisan, A.D. 33, Jesus rode into Jerusalem and offered himself as King to the Jews; and antitypically this shows that the receiving of the Lamb into the house since A.D. 1918 signifies far more than accepting Jesus as the ransom sacrifice or 'the lamb that taketh away the sin of the world'. In this day of Jehovah the eating of the lamb would include not only partaking of his merit, which cleanses from sin, but also the having a share in the doing of the work which Jesus Christ was sent to earth to do, to wit, to bear testimony to the name of Jehovah to the vindication of his holy name, hence also entering into the joy of the Lord, which is now the strength of the remnant. Furthermore it means that there must be no uncleanness in God's organization or among his people resulting from coming in contact with or compromising with the Devil's organization. There must be no "leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy", meaning the failure or refusal to confess the Lord before men. (Ex. 12:8, 10, 15-17; Luke 12:1; 2 Cor. 6:16-18) Jehovah's witnesses must now be entirely separate from Satan's organization.

[39] The Israelites were required to be in haste, with their loins girded, feet shod, and staff in hand, which antitypically means that Jehovah's witnesses are not of this world nor subject to Satan's organization and its demands, but are subject to the "higher powers"; that they are on the trek and about to leave the antitypical Egypt, seeing that the wicked organization will shortly be destroyed. (Ex. 12:11) The Israelites must abide in the house, under the blood, until morning; which antitypically means that Jehovah's remnant are now hidden and are kept "in the secret place of the Most High", under the protection of Jehovah and his Vindicator, and are thus protected "until the indignation be overpast", and have there entered, by the Lord's grace, and have 'shut the door behind them'.—Ex. 12:22; Ps. 91:1; Isa. 26:20, 21.

[40] The blood of the paschal lamb was publicly sprinkled on the doorposts and lintels of the houses of the Israelites, and that antitypically not only means a public confession of the blood of Christ Jesus as Jehovah's provided redemptive price for mankind, but also signifies to the remnant that all of that class are Judeans, that is, praisers of Jehovah, and are subject to the orders of Jehovah's Vindicator and great High Priest, Christ Jesus, the Prophet greater than Moses; and further that the day of judgment or vengeance of God is here, which vengeance shortly will be expressed and exercised in the destruction of Satan's "firstborn" at Armageddon. Therefore the blood was both a public declaration and a testimony of the approaching destruction upon Jehovah's enemies. This truth Jehovah's witnesses, who are his firstborn and who are yet on earth, must declare, because it is an expression of his vengeance. It is true that the blood signifies that those under it say, "I accept Christ Jesus' blood as my redemptive price"; but to the remnant it means much more. That blood on the doorposts being the blood of the victim which validates the new testament or new covenant, it signifies that the firstborn of the remnant have entered into that new covenant, the primary purpose of which is to bring forth or produce a people for Jehovah's name and which will have a part in the vindication of that